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Part A: Multiple Choice

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3. Read each question carefully. Choose the ONE best answer.
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4. Maps

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# GRADE 6

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### Social Studies

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SOCIAL STUDIES**

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| B. Alberta                         | ● <input type="radio"/>  |
| C. Saskatchewan                    | <input type="radio"/>    |
| D. Manitoba                        | <input type="radio"/>    |
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Industry	Number of employees	Average annual wage
Manufacturing	1,200,000	\$45,000
Construction	500,000	\$35,000
Retail	400,000	\$30,000
Healthcare	300,000	\$35,000
Transportation	200,000	\$30,000
Information Technology	150,000	\$35,000
Finance	100,000	\$30,000
Energy	80,000	\$30,000
Automotive	70,000	\$30,000
Aerospace	60,000	\$30,000
Chemical	50,000	\$30,000
Machinery	40,000	\$30,000
Plastics	30,000	\$30,000
Metals	20,000	\$30,000
Textiles	10,000	\$30,000
Leather	5,000	\$30,000
Fabric	2,000	\$30,000
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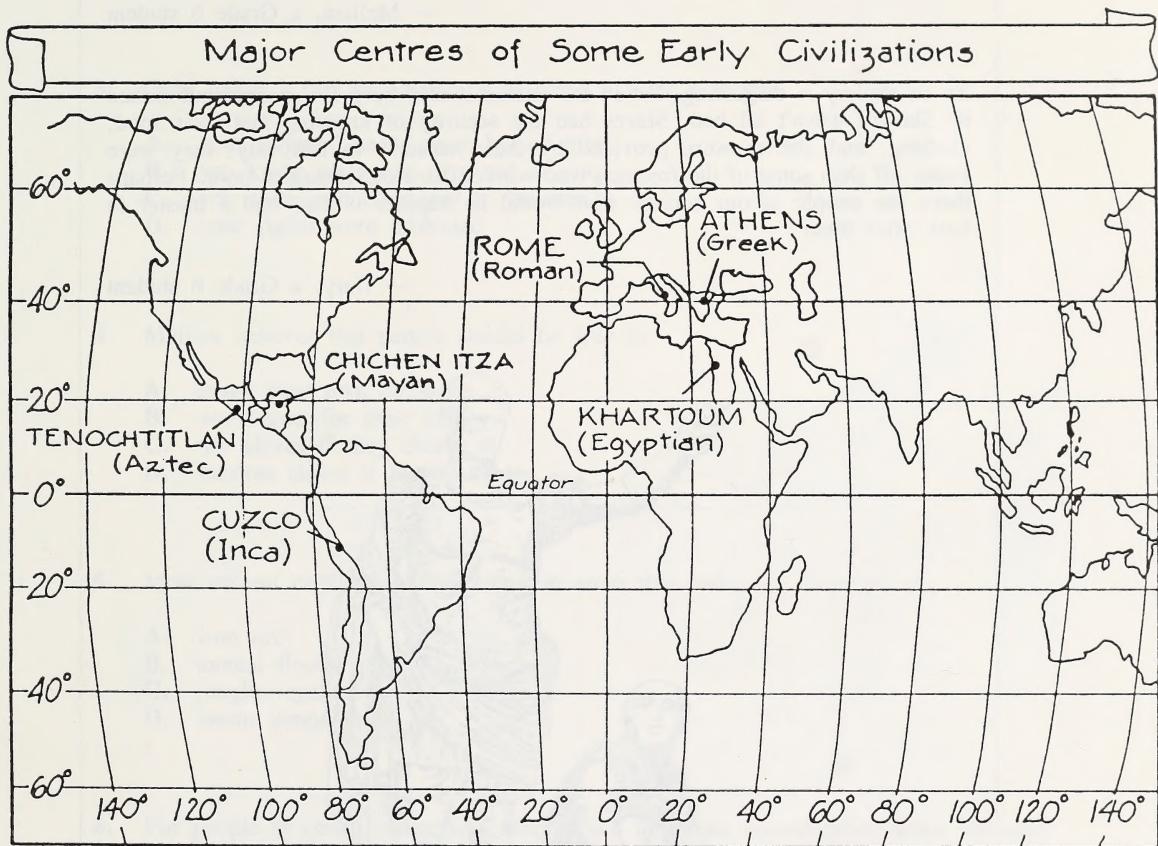
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TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION REPORT

THIS PART OF THE TEST IS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE IN EARLIER TIMES MET THEIR NEEDS.

Use the map below to answer question 1.



1. Which early civilization had its major centre located near 28°N and 28°E?
  - A. The Inca civilization
  - B. The Greek civilization
  - C. The Mayan civilization
  - D. The Egyptian civilization

**Use the speakers' comments below to answer questions 2 to 4.**

The Roman system of using slaves to get work done was wrong. Slaves were not considered to be people. They had no rights under Roman law. They were unable to choose whether to do a job.

— Melissa, a Grade 6 student

To us slavery is disgusting, but in the ancient world very few people questioned it. Slavery wasn't all bad. Slaves had the security of knowing that their food, clothing, and shelter were provided by their masters. In this way, they were better off than some of the freemen who worked hard but remained poor. Perhaps there are people in our society who would be happier if they had a master to look after them.

— Gary, a Grade 6 student



2. What is the main issue being discussed by Gary and Melissa?

- A. Should some people be poor even when they work?
- B. Should slavery be used as a way to meet basic needs?
- C. Should masters give their slaves free food and shelter?
- D. Should all people be allowed to meet their basic needs?

3. Gary believes that an advantage of being a slave was that

- A. your physical needs were looked after
- B. you knew what was expected of you
- C. you were rich compared to freemen
- D. your rights were protected

4. Melissa believes that people should be able to

- A. make their own decisions
  - B. work hard for their money
  - C. use slaves if they choose to
  - D. become slaves if they want to
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5. Most ancient civilizations developed in areas that had

- A. iron ore
- B. annual floods
- C. jungle vegetation
- D. warm temperatures

6. For people in early civilizations, the MOST important consideration when choosing a permanent home was the

- A. distance from trading partners
- B. availability of food and water
- C. location of enemy settlements
- D. supply of building materials

7. Early civilizations began to form once people



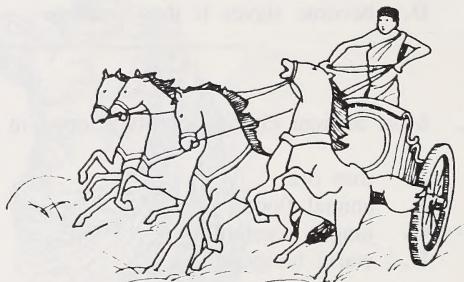
- A. celebrated religious beliefs



- B. learned how to write



- C. formed permanent settlements

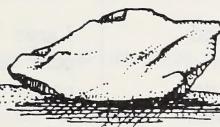


- D. developed better methods of travel

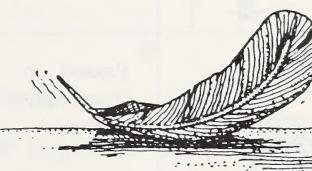
8. To work together in harmony, people in ancient civilizations had to develop

- A. art
- B. rules
- C. housing
- D. medicine

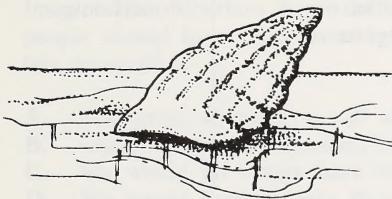
9. In MOST early civilizations, the people who had the greatest wealth and social power were
- A. nobles
  - B. farmers
  - C. merchants
  - D. craftsmen
10. Which object found by archeologists would teach us the most about how people met basic needs?



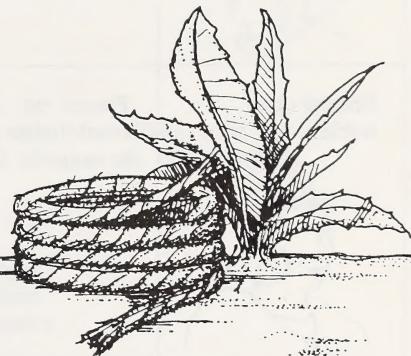
A. A piece of unpolished jade



B. A feather from a bird



C. A seashell lying on the beach



D. A rope made from cactus fibres

11. Which sentence describes the main difference between human wants and human needs?
- A. Survival depends on meeting needs but not wants.
  - B. Happiness depends on meeting wants but not needs.
  - C. Custom determines how we meet wants but not needs.
  - D. Climate determines how we meet needs but not wants.

Use the chart below to answer questions 12 to 15.

#### SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN INCA SOCIETY

POSITION IN SOCIETY	HOW POSITION WAS OBTAINED	DUTIES	HOUSING
Emperor 	Passed on from father to son	Ruled the whole empire	Palace
First-class nobles 	Passed on from father to son	Performed religious ceremonies; led armies	Large homes near city centre
Second-class nobles 	Passed on from father to son	Kept records; settled arguments	Five-room stone houses
Farmers and craftsmen 	Passed on from father to son	Farmed; made things	One- or two-room mud huts

**12.** Which basic needs were met when first- and second-class nobles performed their duties?

- A. Social needs
- B. Psychological needs
- C. Both social and psychological needs
- D. Neither social nor psychological needs

**13.** What general statement can be made about Inca society based on the information given?

- A. Most people valued fathers more than mothers.
- B. Some people had more power than others.
- C. All people worshipped at the temples.
- D. Few people received an education.

**14.** “The Inca social structure was fixed and unchanging.”

What information from the chart gives the BEST support for the statement above?

- A. There were more farmers than there were nobles.
- B. The Incas performed many different jobs.
- C. Sons did the same work as their fathers.
- D. Some houses were larger than others.

**15.** Imagine that Albertans began to use the Inca system of deciding what careers people should have. How would Alberta’s social structure be changed by this decision?

- A. Our social structure would not be affected.
  - B. Our social structure would become more rigid.
  - C. We would no longer have any social structure.
  - D. We would have a more flexible social structure.
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**Use the information below to answer questions 16 and 17.**

Every year, nearly a fifth of the 40 000 adult male citizens of Athens took their turn as judges and public officials. Every official did his job for one year. A man could be a general in the Greek army one year and an ordinary soldier or farmer the next.



16. Which question could be answered using the information above?
- A. When did the males of Athens first become citizens?
  - B. Why did the people of Athens form a civilization?
  - C. How did the citizens of Athens manage the affairs of their state?
  - D. What was the major cause of wars fought by the people of Athens?
17. Which statement best explains why the system described above would NOT work in Canada today?
- A. People are no longer interested in how governments work.
  - B. People are no longer willing to do jobs that are boring.
  - C. People now expect to be paid too much to do the work described above.
  - D. People now require special training to do the jobs described above.
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THIS PART OF THE TEST IS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE IN EASTERN SOCIETIES MEET THEIR NEEDS TODAY.

18. Wheat is a basic food in Canada. Rice is most often served in Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia. What BEST accounts for this difference?
- A. Custom
  - B. Climate
  - C. Religion
  - D. Tradition
19. Canadians import wicker furniture from China. Blue jeans are becoming popular with Chinese teenagers. This is an example of
- A. cross-cultural sharing
  - B. the use of new technology
  - C. the maintenance of tradition
  - D. efforts to increase immigration
20. Which statement BEST shows that tradition affects the way people meet their need for clothing?
- A. Shoes are expensive so sandals are usually worn.
  - B. Women use hats and umbrellas to protect themselves from the sun.
  - C. Men wear suits to the office but sarongs on religious occasions.
  - D. Many people wear clothes made from cotton because it is readily available.
21. One of the MAJOR effects of the immigration of Southeast Asians to Canada has been
- A. increased awareness of other cultures by Canadians
  - B. decreased interest in technology in Southeast Asia
  - C. decreased respect for tradition among Canadians
  - D. increased unemployment in Southeast Asia
22. International development agencies such as CIDA help Southeast Asians to meet basic needs in all of the following areas EXCEPT
- A. agriculture
  - B. education
  - C. religion
  - D. medicine

**Use the information below to answer questions 23 to 25.**

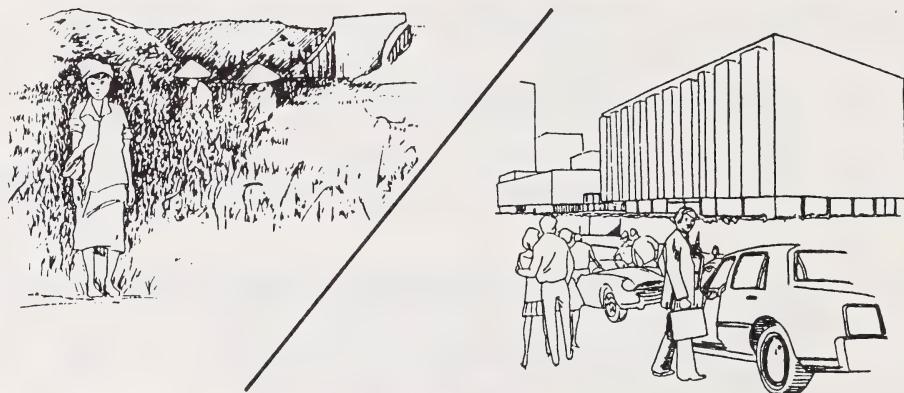
I was born in a village in Indonesia. Life was lived close to nature and was full of old ways of doing things. I was happy.

At 18, I moved to a modern city in Indonesia to go to school. I saw different ways of doing things, and without knowing it, I developed new wants and values. I put great faith in what modern technology could do to solve problems and improve the lives of people in my village. The thought of a simple life in the village without refrigerators or televisions was horrifying.

Many years later I visited America. I was shocked by the sight of traffic jams and pollution. I was forced to rethink my attitudes about technology.

Today, I still believe in the use of technology, but it seems to me that a happy and peaceful life requires living simply and close to nature. It also means developing warm relationships and living with dignity. We do not need many of the modern conveniences of the Western world.

— Indonesian journalist



- 23.** What issue is the author discussing?
- A. Who should use new technology?
  - B. How much technology should be used?
  - C. Should people live in villages or in cities?
  - D. Should people live in Indonesia or in America?
- 24.** The author believes that Americans have placed too little importance on the need to
- A. live in harmony with nature
  - B. have pride in their culture
  - C. make progress
  - D. work hard
- 25.** The author suggests that the best way for Indonesians to live in the future is to have a life
- A. without any modern conveniences
  - B. without any contact with North Americans
  - C. that makes use of technology but encourages simple ways of doing things
  - D. that makes use of technology but only if people live in a city
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- 26.** Which statement BEST describes how traditions and technology are related?
- A. Old ways of doing things change when new machines are used.
  - B. Some countries use more modern tools than do others.
  - C. The use of modern machinery is very expensive.
  - D. Every country has its own customs and laws.

**Use the information below to answer questions 27 to 29.**

It used to be difficult to convince people in rural China of the need to read. Today things are different. For thousands of years, farmers were sealed off from the outside world and depended on traditional methods of farming. Now farmers are able to see how new technology has increased production in other parts of the world. They want these modern methods. They want information. The result is that Chinese farmers have a strong desire to learn to read and to have a knowledge of science and technology.

— based on information from *Impact of Science on Society*, 1986

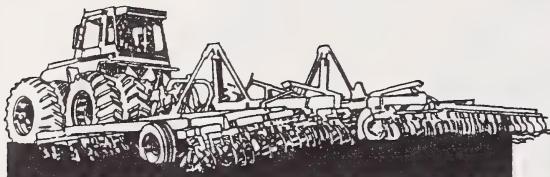
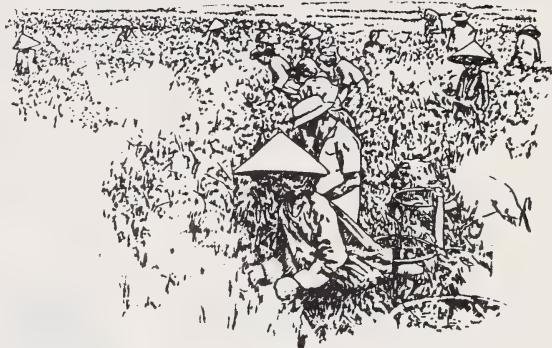


27. Today, the attitudes of Chinese farmers are more like those of North Americans than they were in the past. This change can be seen in the increased importance placed by Chinese farmers on
- A. following traditional methods
  - B. growing North American food
  - C. using scientific knowledge
  - D. planting yearly rice crops

28. A general statement that is supported by the information given is that
- A. people are more willing to change their ways if they see a good reason for doing so
  - B. Chinese farmers have always placed great importance on receiving an education
  - C. farmers are unable to increase production by using new technology
  - D. Chinese people have always valued new technology more than do most people
29. According to the information, what has caused Chinese farmers to change their attitudes over time?
- A. They have found a way to learn to read.
  - B. They depend on traditional methods of farming.
  - C. They believe in hard work more than they did in the past.
  - D. They have had more contact with people in other societies.
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Use the information below to answer questions 30 to 32.

Rice planting in *Thailand* is hard work. It takes place in April or May, accompanied by festivals to ask for the blessing of the spirits. Plowing and rice planting ceremonies include prayers for a good crop, followed by music and dancing. The success of the rice crop depends on the annual rains, and special festivals are held to give thanks for them. Harvest time in October is also an occasion for celebration, especially if the harvest is a good one.



In *Canada*, prairie farmers move onto the land in the spring as soon as the fields have thawed and are dry enough for tractors and heavy equipment. The fields are cultivated, the wheat is sown, and chemical fertilizers are applied. The Canadian farmer relies on the weather — on warm temperatures, sunshine, and rain. In the fall, the ripened crop is harvested and the grain is stored in granaries to await shipment to the elevator.

#### *Farming in Thailand and Canada*

	Thailand	Canada
Per cent of the population working as farmers	72	6
Number of tractors for every 10 000 hectares of cultivated land	10	143

30. According to the chart, for every 10 000 hectares of land Thailand has
- A. more farm workers and more tractors than Canada
  - B. more farm workers and fewer tractors than Canada
  - C. fewer farm workers and more tractors than Canada
  - D. fewer farm workers and fewer tractors than Canada
31. Compared to farmers in Thailand, Canadian farmers are more concerned with
- A. cultivating than with shipping
  - B. machinery than with fertilizer
  - C. planting than with fertilizing
  - D. technology than with ceremony
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32. Which day of celebration in Canada would compare most closely with the festivals in Thailand mentioned on page 14?
- A. Easter
  - B. Labor Day
  - C. Canada Day
  - D. Thanksgiving
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33. Which statement BEST explains why Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore must import food from other countries?
- A. They have a shortage of farmland compared to the size of their population.
  - B. More of their people want to work in factories than on farms.
  - C. Most of their people are too old to work in the fields.
  - D. Their climate is too hot for growing food.

THIS PART OF THE TEST IS ABOUT MEETING NEEDS  
THROUGH LOCAL, PROVINCIAL, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

Use the information below to answer questions 34 and 35.

Bicycle accidents are the main cause of injury among young children. Many people believe that the number of accidents could be reduced if children received training before being permitted to ride bicycles on the streets. These people have different ideas, however, about who should be responsible for providing this training. These are some of the comments people have made about this issue.



I want my dad,  
not a stranger,  
to teach me to ride.  
—Ray HAJEK



I'm willing to pay higher  
taxes so all children  
can be taught to ride  
safely.

—Mr. TREMBLAY



It's my responsibility to  
protect my child. I know  
if he can ride a bike  
properly.  
—Ms. RABOU



Watching my child ride  
for the first time was  
exciting. It's a memory  
I will hold forever. I  
don't think parents  
should miss experiences  
like this because someone  
else is with their child.

—Mr. SINGH



When cyclists are injured  
my taxes pay for medical  
costs. I would rather see  
my taxes going toward  
programs that will help  
prevent accidents.  
—Ms. PHUNG

My parents don't have  
time to teach me to ride  
properly. I could be  
seriously hurt if  
someone else doesn't  
help me.

—Brigitte O'GRADY



**34.** What is the MAIN issue being discussed?

- A. Should all children be allowed to ride bicycles?
- B. Who should be responsible for providing bicycle training?
- C. Should taxpayers' money be used to pay the medical costs of injured riders?
- D. Who should be permitted to ride bicycles on the street?

**35.** Which speaker's opinion is based on a belief that citizens should work together to meet their needs?



A. Ray Hajek's



B. Ms. Raboud's



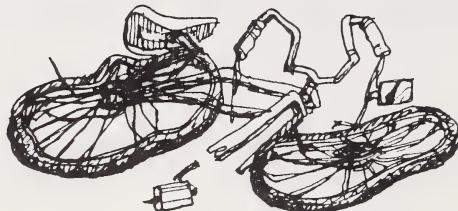
C. Mr. Singh's



D. Mr. Tremblay's

Use the table below to answer questions 36 to 38.

HOW BICYCLE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED



Category	% of Patients
Lost control of bicycle	44
Cyclist hit by moving car	17
Child hit by cyclist	10
Hazards on the road	7
Passenger on bicycle	5
Two cyclists collided	5
Foot caught in spokes	4
Fell off motionless bicycle	4
Bicycle broke while riding	4
TOTAL	100

36. Which of the following questions could be answered by using information from the table?
- A. Why do so few cyclists ride safely?  
B. Where do most bicycle accidents occur?  
C. What causes the greatest number of bicycle accidents?  
D. How many people die each year because of bicycling injuries?
37. What percentage of patients were hurt in bicycle accidents involving two or more persons?
- A. 37%  
B. 27%  
C. 25%  
D. 10%

- 38.** Using the information in the chart, choose which action would have the greatest effect in reducing the number of cycling accidents.
- A. Passing a bylaw stating that no cyclist is to ride when road conditions are hazardous.
  - B. Passing a bylaw stating that all cyclists must take a bicycle safety course before riding a bicycle.
  - C. Letting a bicycle owner take responsibility for making sure that his or her bicycle is in good repair.
  - D. Raising the taxes to hire more staff to take better care of roads.
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- 39.** Which of the following actions BEST supports the principle of individual freedom?
- A. Passing a bylaw stating that no cyclist is to ride when road conditions are hazardous.
  - B. Raising the taxes to hire more staff to take better care of roads.
  - C. Letting a bicycle owner take responsibility for making sure that his or her bicycle is in good repair.
  - D. Passing a bylaw stating that all cyclists must take a bicycle safety course before riding a bicycle.

Use the comments below to answer question 40.

We need government-sponsored bicycle training programs. I work on an emergency ward so I see children who have been seriously hurt because they lacked proper training. Parents need help taking care of their children's safety.

-Dr. MILLER



40. The MOST likely reason that Dr. Miller holds this point of view is that
- A. experience has shown her that some parents fail to provide proper training for their children
  - B. experience has shown her that she is too busy to train her own children to ride safely
  - C. she believes that parents know what is best for their children
  - D. she believes that citizens should get something in return for paying taxes
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**Use the survey results below to answer questions 41 and 42.**

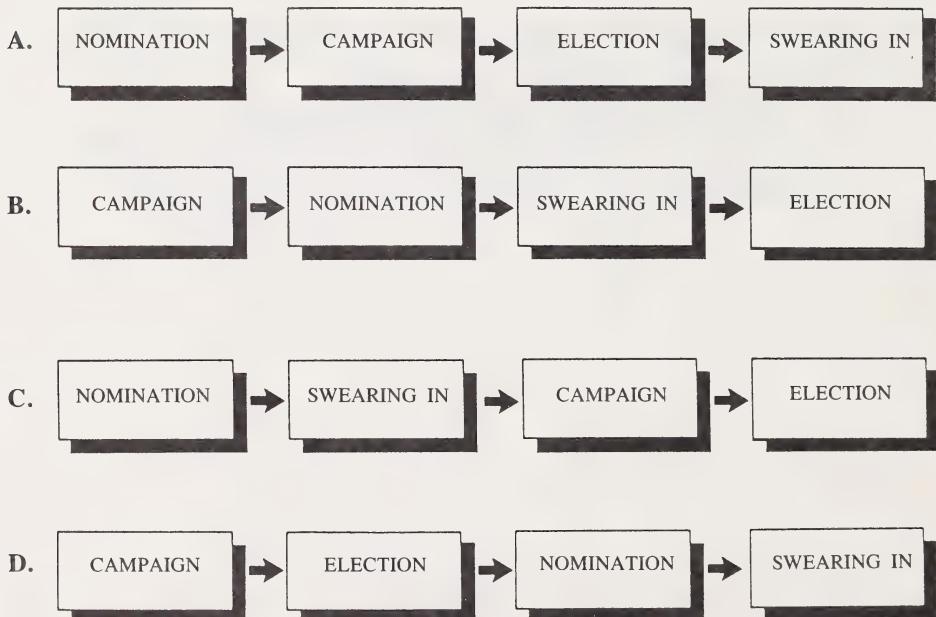
QUESTIONS	RESPONSES		
	Yes	No	Undecided
1. Do you have children?	65.0%	35.0%	—
2. Do you think taxes should be used to fund cycling courses for children?	60.0%	32.3%	7.7%

- 41.** The group of people MOST likely to believe that joint action should be used to increase public safety are those who answered
- A. “No” to Question 1
  - B. “Undecided” to Question 2
  - C. “Yes” to Question 1
  - D. “Yes” to Question 2
- 42.** Which statement is MOST clearly supported by the results of the survey?
- A. People without children do not pay taxes.
  - B. People who participated in this survey own bicycles.
  - C. The majority of people do not want their children to ride bicycles.
  - D. The majority of people feel that public funds should be used for bicycle safety.
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43. One of the basic principles of a democracy is that people
- A. who commit crimes should be punished by the government
  - B. who belong to minority groups should be given special privileges
  - C. should be able to ignore laws they think are unreasonable
  - D. should have the right to choose freely their representatives

44. A major reason why people form lobby groups is to
- A. keep track of the number of voters in the area
  - B. make their point of view known to elected officials
  - C. learn more about candidates running in federal elections
  - D. give advice to the prime minister about who should sit in the senate

45. The steps, in CORRECT ORDER, that a person must go through to become a member of a city or town council are:



- 46.** When a Member of the Legislature Assembly talks about her “constituency,” she is referring to the
- A. position she holds in the government
  - B. individuals who voted for her
  - C. place where she was born
  - D. area she represents
- 47.** The discussion held by members of a legislative assembly on a suggested law is called
- A. a lobby
  - B. a debate
  - C. an election
  - D. an opinion poll
- 48.** One role of the Governor General of Canada is to
- A. maintain order in Parliament
  - B. represent the Queen in Parliament
  - C. supervise generals in the armed forces
  - D. make sure the government does not break laws
- 49.** Which of the following services is best provided by a city or town council rather than by a provincial or federal government?
- A. Mail delivery
  - B. National defence
  - C. Garbage disposal
  - D. Citizenship court
- 50.** Governments in Canada do not usually pay for the building of
- A. military bases
  - B. universities
  - C. airports
  - D. hotels

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